

Walter Johnson Climbs Upon His Throne Again—Carroll Defeats Keane Lads

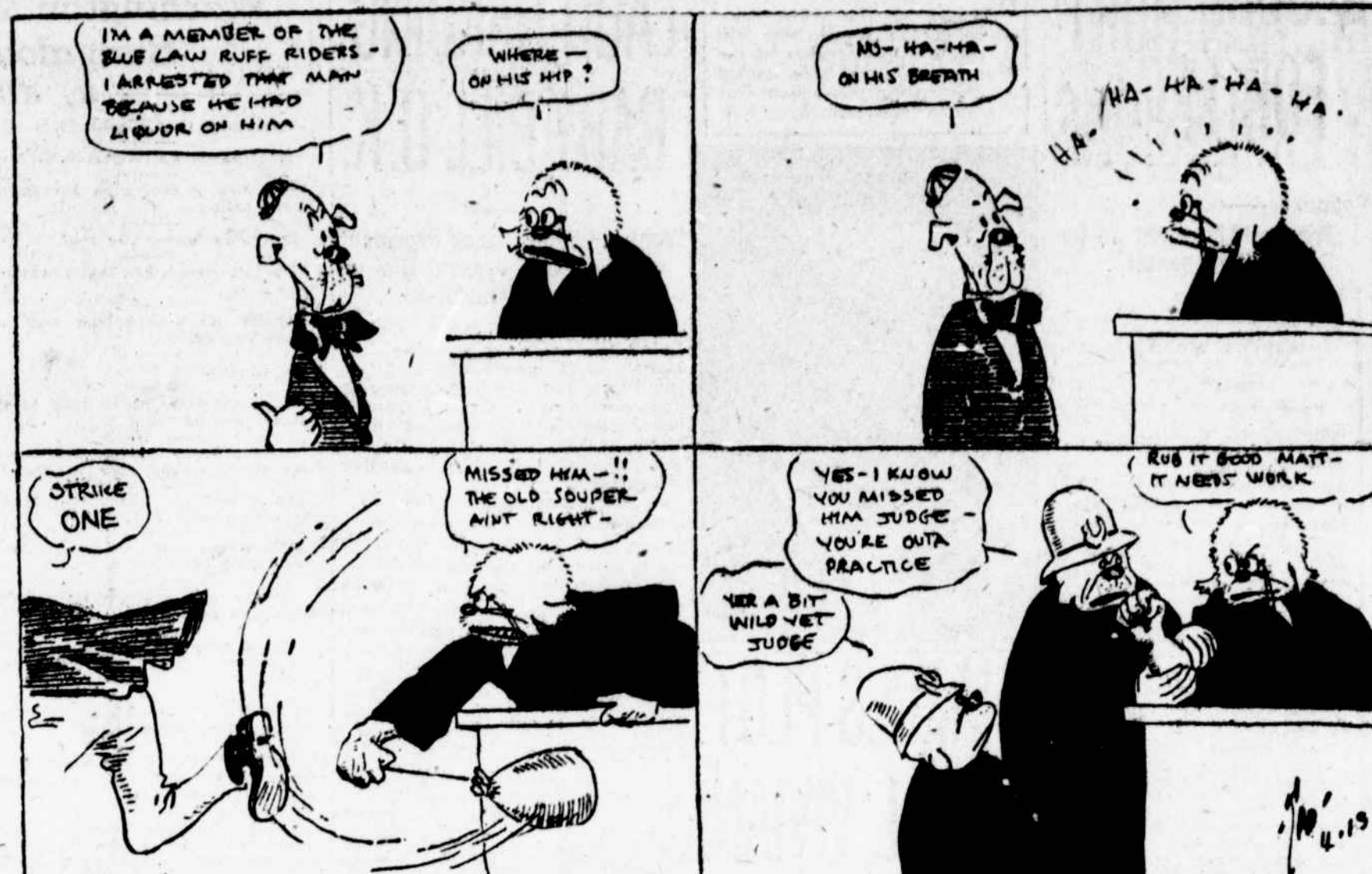
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LOOKING 'EM OVER

By - - - - - LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Walter Johnson Is Himself

Walter Perry Johnson, variously known as the Kansas Cyclone and the Big Train, is himself again. Barney delivered in his first game against the Philadelphia Athletics so well that, if he had been timid before, he should forevermore be confident of pitching grand ball for George McBride.

Johnson had everything yesterday, and some 12,000 fans gave him glad acclaim. His control, especially in the early innings, was not the best in the world, but great heavens, when he loosened his speed, he had it. Yes, boys; he was there. When he found enemies on third base he delivered the goods as he always has delivered it, choking off that imminent run before it could get its breath.

If Manager McBride had any doubts—and it's a certain cinch that he has had some big ones—Johnson's performance against the A's must have driven them all away. It was like the old days to see Walter gather himself together and freeze the waiting runner at third base. No wonder the fans roared with delight and cheered the veteran speed ball twirler at his victory. No wonder his mates slapped him on the back and wished him well. With Johnson pitching up to form, the future looks good to the Griffins.

Johnson was assaulted viciously in the first inning, but he managed to escape harm largely because Duffy Lewis has a fine arm. Dykes opened with a clean hit and died stealing. Witt followed with another and went up when O'Rourke fumbled. Tillie Walker's offering, Frank Brazill hammered a single to left and Lewis threw out Witt at the plate.

Johnson was in trouble thereafter, but he always rose to the occasion and so did his supporters. In the third, with two down, Witt tripled to left center. Then Walter steamed up and fanned Tillie Walker.

REAL TEST HERE. The real test, though, came in the sixth, when Witt cracked his second triple, this one going to left field, with nobody out. Tillie Walker bumped one to Johnson and Witt was eventually run down, but not before the batter had roamed around to third. There was Walter with a man on third and one out.

Johnson put on all he had and Brazill's best was a slow one to the infield which Johnson snapped up and got to first base ahead of the runner.

Joe Dugan, always dangerous, stood at the plate. He swung hard, topped the ball and it rolled into the infield. This time Val Picinich leaped upon it, picked it up and with a perfect underhand toss the runner, Walter, had escaped.

Johnson had another test in the seventh. With one down Welch lived on O'Rourke's error. Galloway singled, hitting a slow ball into left field. Moore fied, making two out, but Dykes drew a walk, filling the bases and bringing up Witt, who had already made two triples and a single.

Did Walter falter? He did not. He worked Dykes with all he had, finally hooking the third strike across the pan for the third called strike.

MACKMEN SCORE A RUN. That Johnson is not quite himself appeared in the ninth, when the A's scored, their one run of the dark afternoon.

With two gone Dykes poled a triple to left. Johnson did the best he could with Witt but uncorked a wild pitch that permitted Dykes to score the one run for his team. Shortly afterward Witt booted a foul fly to Shanks and the game was over.

The Griffins leaped upon their ancient foe, Rollie Naylor, in the very first frame and banged out four hits for two runs and sending Naylor to the clubhouse. Judge and Milan opened with singles. Rice grounded to Brazill, who looks like a first-class first baseman. Duffy Lewis followed with a sweet single to center, bringing in both runners.

Roy Moore, a puzzling southpaw, was on the mound for the second inning and, while hit safely by Picinich and Johnson, escaped scoring until the third, when Rice doubled to right for a starter, advanced on a

BASE BALL TODAY 3:30 P. M.
AMERICAN LEAGUE PARK
Washington vs. Philadelphia
Tickets on sale Spalding's, 612 14th St. N. W., from 8:30 A. M. to 1:00 P. M.
Tickets on sale at Reiche Co., 517 7th St.

THIS BIRD ALWAYS HAPPY AS LARK



Nick Altrock

More famed as a comedian than a ball player is Nick Altrock, coach of the Washington club. For Nick, a natural born comedian, has kept hundreds of thousands of baseball fans amused with his antics during his many years on the diamond. He is a real pantomime artist and in as much of a drawing card as the rest of the Washington club combined. His one-man argument is a classic enjoyed by fans in all climes of the American League circuit and his light rope performance along the foul line is also the work of an artist. Altrock, in his day, was a great pitcher. Though just a comedian to the fans he is a professor of baseball, knowing every angle of the game from a to z. One of his most important duties is keeping the Washington players in good humor when things are not breaking just right for the team.

BASEBALL GOSSIP

"Bucky" Harris, with ten hits in twenty times up, has a batting average of .500 and leads his team. He also rides in front of the base runners with four clean thefts.

Carl Mays held the Red Sox to four hits and froze them. He is a favorite of the fans and was the MVP of the American League's newest umpire, Wilson, broke in with Dick Nallin in New York. He is said to be a comer.

The St. Louis Cardinals have yet to win a game, dropping the only two they have been able to play.

Washington fans are showing plenty of pep this spring. No sooner does an umpire get into a fuss with one of the Griffins than they rear at him like hungry lions. Looks like a big year.

The value of a tarpaulin was never better shown than yesterday when, despite considerable rain, the field was in first class shape and some 12,000 fans were shot through the gates.

A couple of games pays for the tarpaulin.

COLD BREEZE TOO MUCH TODAY

Cold weather caused a postponement of today's game between the Washington and Philadelphia clubs. Rising temperature tomorrow, though, will bring both teams' into action at Georgia avenue. Zebebel Tecumseh Zachary or Al Schacht will be the Griff's hurler, opposing either Scott, Perry or Rommel.

KNICKS WILL PLAY CLARENDON'S TEAM

Crack Nines Scheduled to Meet Sunday in Georgetown in the "Hollow."

Next Sunday, in the "Hollow" in Georgetown, one of the best sandlot games of the season is expected. From over in Clarendon a large gang of followers will trail Bill Malone's team, which goes to meet the Knickerbockers.

The Knicks won a 6-to-2 victory over the Navy Yard All-Stars yesterday with "Lefty" Serrin pitching. O'Brien, of the All-Stars, was opposing and was slammed for thirteen hits.

The Clarendon players jumped on the Independent A. C. for an 11-to-6 score yesterday, winning with ease. Peerless players offered nothing that the Virginians could not cope with.

On Sunday, however, the Knicks and Clarendons are expected to fill the "Hollow." It is expected that a record crowd will be in attendance. The Knicks have won four straight games thus far, while the Clarendons have won five.

WILLIAMS MEETS TOUGH ONE IN SCRAP TONIGHT

BALTIMORE, April 18.—Kid Williams will endeavor to win back some of the prestige which he lost in his last effort here against Marty Collins when he stacks up against Earl Puryear, tough bantamweight from Peoria, Ill., in tonight's 12-round main bout of the National Athletic Club at the Playhouse, formerly the Colonial Theater. Williams has assured his raft of friends that he will do battle in the same rough-and-ready style as stamped him the most popular gladiator of his poundage the ring ever produced when he steps into the ring tonight.

STANDINGS

AMERICAN. W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.
New York 3 1 .750 Chicago 1 1 .500
Washington 2 2 .500 Detroit 1 1 .500
Boston 4 1 .800 Cincinnati 1 2 .333
St. Louis 3 2 .600 Philadelphia 1 2 .333

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.
Washington, 3; Philadelphia, 1.
New York, 4; Boston, 0.
Detroit-Cleveland, snow.
Chicago-St. Louis, rain.

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Philadelphia at Washington.
Boston at New York.
Cleveland at Detroit.
Chicago at St. Louis.

NATIONAL. W. L. Pct. W. L. Pct.
Chicago 2 1 .666 Philadelphia 1 2 .333
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Pittsburgh 3 1 .750 Brooklyn 1 2 .333
New York 2 1 .667 St. Louis 0 2 .000

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.
Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 2.
St. Louis-Cleveland, rain.
Pittsburgh-Chicago, cold weather.

GAMES TODAY.
Philadelphia at Philadelphia.
New York at Boston.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

KNIGHTS GET AWAY TO GOOD OPENING

More Than 2,500 See Carrolls Trim Keane—Game Scheduled Today.

The Knights of Columbus Baseball League got off to a fine start at Fifth and Florida avenue yesterday afternoon for a big season. The circuit is playing games every afternoon, with special attention to the Saturday and Sunday engagements.

Five teams are lined up in the circuit and from the opening yesterday the league is expecting a big season. More than 2,500 fans braved the threatening weather and turned out for the Carroll-Keane game yesterday.

State Deputy Maurice McAuliffe, of the Knights of Columbus, threw out the first ball. After the ceremonies, which would have done credit to a big league opening, Carroll and Keane got together for a first class contest.

The Carroll lads won out 8 to 2, but only after a hot struggle for seven innings with the score standing at 3 to 1. For the winning team Creagen pitched first class baseball. He was supported in fine style by Vensel, McPhillomy pitched for the losers.

Next Sunday Potomac and Washington will play at the Fifth and Florida avenue grounds. Today Washington and Spaulding play.

LINWORTHS EXPECT FIRST CLASS NINE

Southwest Lads Look for Games With Fast Fraternal League Clubs.

The Linworths defeated the Washington Barracks Engineers on their grounds to the tune of 14 to 6 yesterday. Crump, Russius and Talbot taking turns in the box for the winners. All made a creditable showing.

No definite line-up for the "Linworths" has been decided, but with the following men as candidates Manager Strack's prediction of a first class team to represent the Southwest seems assured. The infielders are "Chick" Davis, Williams, Talbot, Kirkley, Hooper, Bussius and Wood; the outfielders are Sullivan, M. McCoy, Beard, Crump, Russius, Jones and Elliott, with Hustmiller and Luber first class receivers.

The Linworths have an open date for Sunday and would like to hear from some strong team. On May 1 the team tackles the Congress Heights Yankees.

The club has been unable to obtain a diamond for its own use. Manager Strack would like to hear from Fraternal organizations and any other strong teams for games. A meeting of the players will be held Friday evening at 8 p. m. at the club house, 1300 C street southwest, at which time plans for the season will be discussed.

Communications should be addressed to A. P. Strack, 206 Linworth place southwest.

BROOKLAND PLAYERS WIN FROM QUINCY WITH EASE

In a game featured by the pitching of Miles, the Brookland A. C. defeated the Quincy A. C. 7 to 1 yesterday on the Brookland field.

Real on the mound for the Quasacs was hit freely and was poorly supported by his teammates. Flood, fielding and Boss' batting also featured for the winners.

The Brooklanders tackle the Massillon club of the time, and League next Saturday at Brookland, and the Garfield A. C. Sunday at the same place.

Leviathan Ready.

Leviathan A. C. is ready for games with eighteen-year-old teams. The team practices Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at Seventeenth and D streets southeast. Games can be arranged by addressing the manager at 1229 Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

JESSE BURKETT, NOW A COACH, WAS ONCE A FAMOUS BATSMAN

By SAM CRANE.

Jess Burkett, who is now a scout for Manager John McGraw's Giants, was one of the champion batsmen of the country about thirty years ago. For four years he was the Ty Cobb of his day. It was nothing for Jess to lead the National League in batting. It was merely a matter for him to go into a game and crack out base hits.

To "hit 'em where they ain't" was Jess's strong point. And while doing it he was keeping the infielders busy guessing at what he would do next. He could foul off the good ones and thereby get pitchers so worked up that they would go up in the air.

Jess would not strike at a ball that he didn't think he could soak. If he didn't hit he would walk. He was one of the most dangerous batsmen that ever faced a pitcher. He was one of the players who could delay a game so long that the pitching became a joke and the spectators grew weary. He could foul off balls so easily that no pitcher could prevent him from getting to first.

Finally, the National League rule makers provided a penalty that shut the batsmen out of their pet scheme of aggravation. The foul strike was originated whereby every ball fouled off counted as a strike up to the third attempt.

This was a squelcher to Jess and his fellow offenders.

GOT RAZZ FROM FANS. Jess Burkett was the "crab" player of his day. Still he was with his rights to act as he did. And that was to get to first base, no matter how he accomplished it. Jess was a nifty fellow and used to "get back" at his fan detractors as often as they objected to his methods. He would argue with the disgruntled fans and then give them the laugh. "Crab" Burkett was his title all through his career, and to tell the truth, he well deserved it.

He was the most aggravating star then playing the game. Still he was a winning ball player and played strictly within the rules.

The writer had the pride and pleasure of bringing Burkett out. I was manager of the Scranton, Pa. club in 1888, when Jack Glasscock recommended Burkett to me as being a southpaw pitcher who had "something."

SAM SIGNS JESS. I had played with "Pebby" Jack for some time previously, and knowing him to be a wise old player, I took his word and signed him up.

Believe me, Burkett had the "something." He came to me the greenest kid that ever branched out as a rookie. How he got his idea of baseball is a mystery to me. But how this youngster could pitch on a really believe that he won every game he worked in.

That he would eventually become the leading batter of the country, however, never entered my mind. Pitchers in those days were not expected to hit, any more than they are now. Still he got in his wallop occasionally.

While the Scranton club did not win the pennant, the team was a success. We knocked spots out of the Wilkes-Barre club, and that was all sufficient to suit Scranton folks. For the Scranton club to put it over Wilkes-Barre was even better than winning the pennant.

SCRANTON CLUB POPULAR. Consequently we were probably the most popular club Scranton ever had. I can well remember going to Wilkes-Barre on a Fourth of July morning, clearing up Wilkes-Barre on a really open field and coming back to Scranton in the afternoon to repeat the trick.

And what a crowd there was in Scranton that afternoon! Miners were hanging their lamps in their caps and willing and ready for a scrap.

But what I want to get at is that Jess Burkett was a member of the team wearing the old burning Giants' second team on their trip back to New York from San Antonio and, according to Dick Kinsella, who managed the second stringers he hit the ball in the same old burning style that made him the champion batter of the country for four years. Can you beat it?

Costello Post Wins. The V. N. Costello Post, American Legion, defeated the Snyder League Post of Hyattsville yesterday by a score of 9 to 1 on the Hyattsville field. Snow pitched well for the winners.

Wants Ball Games. The Hygienic Laboratory team wants games for Wednesday and Friday of this week with any team bringing a diamond. Address L. Blair Miller, Hygienic Laboratory, Twenty-fifth and E streets northwest, or phone West 878.

PENN RELAYS DRAW BEST OF ATHLETES

Every College of Prominence in Country to Be Represented at Philadelphia.

The Penn relays, scheduled for Philadelphia Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, will bristle with class. With every big college of athletics prominence in the country represented, the pick of France's sprinters and relay men and hundreds of professional and small college athletes entered, the games will develop brilliant competition and perhaps new records.

The relays have come to be classed as the red letter event in world athletics each year and the passing of every twelve-months sees them growing more popular. The games next week will be the twenty-seventh annual meet.

500 TEAMS COMPETING. George W. Orton, manager of the meet for Pennsylvania University, reports that in round numbers there will be 500 teams competing in the relays, and he has arranged to supply competitors' tickets to 3,300 athletes.

The French stars who will vie with those of Yale, Harvard, Penn, Michigan, Wisconsin, Chicago, Ohio State men entered in the high jump, and hundreds of other schools will be headed by Ali-Kahn, the flashy 100-meter speedster, who got into the final heat of that event at Antwerp, last summer, only to be beaten out by Paddock, Scholz, and Murchison. He will have several runners of class with him in Perry, Mercer, Delvart, and George Andrea. This quartet will go after the relay honors. They arrived from France today.

STARS EXPECTED. Wait, of Cornell, who broke the 440-yard hurdle record last year, and Nightingale, of West Virginia, whose victory over Montague in the intercollegiate three-mile race was so brilliant, are among the stars who will compete again this spring.

In every event, from present indications, competition will be so keen that the victors may be forced to set records. For instance, there are five men entered in the high jump who have cleared six feet, four inches, and five others who have cleared six feet two inches.

MT. ST. MARY'S WILL MEET CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

EMMITTSBURG, Md., April 18.—Catholic University is listed on the 1921 football schedule of Mt. St. Mary's College, announced today. The C. U. team will be met in Washington on the date of October 18.

The games are to be played as follows: October 1, Johns Hopkins, at Baltimore; October 8, Susquehanna University, at Selingsgrove, Pa.; October 18, Catholic University, at Washington, D. C.; October 22, Western Maryland, at Westminster; October 29, Pennsylvania State College of Forestry, at Emmittsburg; November 5, Davis and Elkins, at Emmittsburg; November 12, St. John's, at Emmittsburg; November 19, Gettysburg, at Gettysburg; November 24, Villanova, at Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON BRAVES IN GETAWAY ON THURSDAY

Seats went on sale today at American league park and at 1235 Pennsylvania avenue for the opening of the American Braves' season next Thursday and the outlook is for a capacity throng. President Harding is expected to occupy his official box, lending his sanction to the occasion.

A concert by a band of fifty-five pieces will be given for an hour or so before play starts. The game will begin at 4 o'clock, the regular starting time for all Braves' games during the season.

The Braves, who have been training at Atlanta, are battling the Norfolk Stars at Norfolk, Va., today, getting in their final workout before opening the regular home season.

Pioneers Win Game. Pioneer A. C. players opened their season with a 14 to 13 win over the Mohawk A. C. Juniors.

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